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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 7th November 2020

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 7- Owing to emergency maintenance works at Power Receiving Centre and Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Hootagalli Power Receiving Centre: Surrounding areas of Automotive Axle, Rane Madras Road, Hootagalli Industrial area, Old Lunars, Theorem, Spectra Pipes, Varsha Cable, L&T, Sriram Engineers, Rajat Battery, RPG Cable, Gemco, Damden Apartment, Hinkal Ashraya Yojne and surrounding places.

Hebbal Power Distribution Centre: Hebbal and surrounding areas, Kumbarakoppal, Tollgate, Vanivilas Layout, Mahadeshwara Layout, Subhashnagar, Surya Bakery, Vijayanagar Layout, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, MG Koppal, Outer Ring Road, Hampi Circle, Sangam Circle, KIADB Industrial Housing Layout, L&T Factory and surrounding areas, Rane Madras and surrounding areas and JK Tyre.

Metagalli Power Distribution Centre: Hebbal Industrial area, Metagalli, Brindavan Layout, Lokanayakanagar, Jayadevanagar, BM Srinagar, Hebbal Outer Ring Road, Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages, Subramanyanagar, Basavanagudi, surrounding areas of SBM Bank, Hebbal Colony, Hebbal Main Road, Lakshmikanthanagar, Sankranthi Circle, Golden Bakery, KIADB Layout, Mayura Circle, Cauvery Circle, Military Quarters, RBI, Vikrant Main Plant and Shivamogga Steel surrounding areas, Belagola Industrial area, KRS Road, Bhyraveshwaranagar, Metagalli Industrial area and surrounding areas.

KV Hebbal Power Distribution Centre: Koorgalli Industrial area, Excel Public School, Vinays, surroundings of Koorgalli Lake, Gopalan Compound, Wipro, Meritar, Pattabhi Enterprises, Millennium, L&T, Marc Batteries, Chamundi Silks and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MERA BHARAT MAKAN: ***Two Indian property brokers exchanging notes.***

1st broker: *After scrapping Article 370 of the Constitution which gave Kashmir special status, the sarkar has now said that all Indians can buy real estate in Kashmir, which earlier only Kashmiris could.* ***2nd broker:*** *That's great news for our business!*

1st broker: *Not just for our business but for the whole business of patriotism and national integration which will get a big boost.* ***2nd broker:*** *You're right. Thanks to the special status given to it by the Constitution, Kashmir was off limits, real estate-wise for the rest of India, which was patently unfair, because while Indians who aren't Kashmiris couldn't buy property there, nothing stopped Kashmiris from buying property wherever they liked in India.*

1st broker: *Now that the sarkar has changed the law in Kashmir, won't it also have to change the laws in States like Himachal, which allow only residents of that State to buy property there?* ***2nd broker:*** *I guess the sarkar will have to change all those laws as well, which will be a good thing for us and for nation-building as well.*

1st broker: *Right. If Indians, even absconding Indians like Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi, can buy property in the UK, and Europe, and all over the place, why can't non-absconding Indians buy property wherever they want to in India, be it in Kashmir or anywhere else?* ***2nd broker:*** *The Indian State should become the Indian real estate. Mera Bharat Mahan should be turned into Mera Bharat Makan.*

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cat lover shares apartment with two full-grown lynxes

Sankt Petersburg: Anastasia Poznyak, a young cat lover from Sankt Petersburg, managed to adopt two baby lynxes from a Russian fur farm and has since been sharing her home with them despite her neighbors' complaints.

Anastasia was always a cat person, but somehow she had wound up with eight dogs as pets. She still wanted to get a cat as well, so a few years ago she started searching for a feline that her eight dogs would get along with. That's how she learned that in Russia, operating lynx fur farms, where the large wild cats are bred for their luxurious coats, was still perfectly legal. The good news was that she could adopt a lynx cub from such a farm.

Geralt, was only a few weeks old when Anastasia brought him home and it grew almost the size of his canine siblings. Anastasia was so happy with how he turned out that she decided to adopt another lynx cub from the fur factory, and that's how little Bulochka (Russian for 'bun') became a part of the family.

High-Tech device that simulates holding a girl's hand

Tokyo: If you've ever wanted to hold a girl's hand and take long romantic walks in the moonlight, but could never actually find a girl to do that with, there's now a high-tech device you can try.

Developed by a research team at Gifu University, in Japan, "My Girlfriend in Walk" is an ingenious device that aims to recreate the experience a girlfriend's hand, without an actual girlfriend. The act of walking hand in hand with the opposite sex, be they partner or friend, can be very satisfying, but we don't always have someone to do it with. Luckily, technology has evolved enough to provide a viable surrogate, kind of...

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can eating fewer calories help me live longer?

It is impossible to give a definitive answer because of the length of the human life span. But calories restriction studies on worms doubled their life span, extended the life span of mice by 40%, 15% for dogs, and 5% for rehesus monkeys. 3 to 5 years is an educated guess for humans. But few people are willing to be constantly hungry.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	119
Total positive cases	:	17,319
Total discharges	:	16,308
Total deaths	:	144
Total active cases	:	867

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	6,097
Total discharges	:	5,807
Total deaths	:	114
Total active cases	:	165

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	28
Total positive cases	:	4,975
Total discharges	:	4,775
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	136

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	97
Total positive cases	:	25,708
Total discharges	:	24,189
Total deaths	:	377
Total active cases	:	1,142

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Today's Currency Rate

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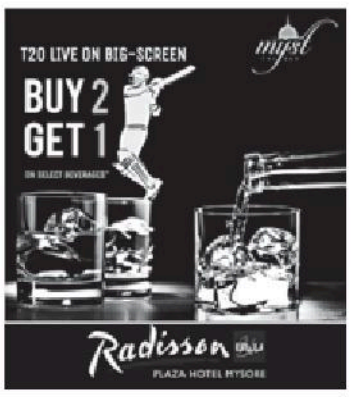

Green Crackers ? Officials in a quandary

Armed with Chief Minister's media release yesterday to burst green crackers, traders have resumed erecting stalls at J.K. Grounds in city this morning.

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (SSV)- Hours after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa issued a revised order asking people to burst green crackers, officials in district-level are googling the word 'Green Crackers' to know about its nature and ways to differentiate between conventional and green crackers.

"Frankly, we don't know how to distinguish among two varieties of crackers. We may have to go by what traders say due to our limited knowledge on the chemicals used in the manufacturing of firecrackers," a senior official told *Star of Mysore* on the condition of anonymity.

The CM, on Friday, announced a blanket ban on sale and bursting of firecrackers in the State as the smoke emanating from them would cause serious health problems for recovered and recovering COVID-19 patients. Following backlash from a section of society and right wingers accusing him of being an anti-Hindu, Yediyurappa made a U-turn and allowed people to burn only the green crackers.

Officials in a quandary

With no revised official orders from the State Government, the district licencing authorities are put in a quandary as there is no clarity on green crackers. Hundreds of applications seeking permission to put up the stalls are kept on hold expecting an official order from the State Chief Secretary. Even cracker traders were not sure whether the CM will stick to his stand or change it in the wake of reports of pressure from experts favouring the ban on the sale and bursting of crackers this year in the interest of Corona positive patients.

(See GREEN CRACKERS on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	148
Total positive cases	:	48,541
Discharges yesterday	:	215
Total discharges	:	46,444
Deaths yesterday	:	2
Total deaths	:	970
Total active cases	:	1,127

Now get RT-PCR test results in a day

● DC opens new facility at K.R. Hospital Lab ● Rs. 1 crore automated 'Liquid Handling System' can conduct 1,200 tests per day

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (SSV)- The State Government has supplied the much-needed 'Liquid Handling System' medical equipment to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) that will help in giving early results for RT-PCR COVID-19 test.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri inaugurated the new facility at the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) in the Department of Microbiology, K.R. Hospital, here yesterday. Going around the Lab, she collected information about functioning of 'Liquid Handling System'. With this, MMC&RI has become the second premier medical institution in the State to procure this equipment costing around Rs. 1 crore.

(See RT-PCR TEST RESULTS on page 6)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship

Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha will be distributing scholarship to children of the Sangha members and Veerashaiva community members at a programme to take place at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira located on Kabir Road, Mandi Mohalla, at 11.30 am tomorrow (Nov. 8). About 70 students will be distributed a scholarship of Rs. 3.5 lakh collectively. The city's senior Structural Engineer, Architect and Valuer M.S. Vijayshankar will be the guest of honour. Sangha President M.N. Jayaprakash will preside. [Mob: 99161-55453].

ZP KDP meeting

The Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) progress review meeting will take place at the ZP Hall in city at 10.30 am on Nov. 11. ZP President Parimala Shyam will chair the meeting.

Postal Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

Indian Postal Department has now launched Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme for the year 2020-21. This scheme is open from Nov. 9 to Nov. 13. Interested customers can visit the nearest Post Office to invest in SGB scheme. While one can apply for a minimum of 1 gram of gold, individual or Hindu undivided family can invest up to 4 kg in each financial year. Trusts can invest up to a maximum of 20 kg a year. The Bond tenure is 8 years with exit option after 5th, 6th or 7th year. If one holds the Bond till maturity, they will get an amount equivalent to the market price of gold. The Bonds bear interest at the rate of 2.5 percent per annum on the amount of initial investment, which will be credited semi-annually. For details, contact the nearest Post Office or call Ph: 0821-2417307/ 8 or Mob: 98451-07947.

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Yesterday	124.19 ft
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Outflow	5,862 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,279.87 ft
Inflow	1,964 cusecs
Outflow	1,890 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,853.87 ft
Inflow	105 cusecs
Outflow	1,850 cusecs

S'Patna Police arrest six for murder of rowdy-sheeter

Rowdysheeter Harish

Srirangapatna, Nov. 7 (Vinay Karekura)- A fortnight after a rowdy-sheeter was brutally hacked to death by a group of miscreants near Ranganathittu Cross on Srirangapatna-Belagola Road, the Police have cracked the murder with the arrest of six culprits on Friday.

The arrested have been identified as Sathyanarayana alias RX, a resident of Gosegowda Street in Srirangapatna town, Bharath Kumar alias Bande Bharath, resident of Anchekeri Street, Rakshith alias Kunta, resident of Arcot Street in Ganjam, Ibrahim Pasha, Darshan, a resident of Siddalingapura in Mysuru taluk and Dharmaratnakara alias Malinga of Ganadalu in Mandya.

Harish alias Kallupachhi Harish, a rowdy-sheeter of Palahalli in Srirangapatna taluk, was returning to Palahalli from Srirangapatna in his car on the night of Oct. 22, when he was intercepted by a gang that followed him in another car. Soon as Harish was forced to stop his car near Ranganathittu Cross on Srirangapatna-Belagola Road, the miscreants hacked him to death with lethal weapons and fled from the spot in the car which they had followed him.

The Srirangapatna Police, who registered a case in this regard, began investigation and arrested the culprits, who were hiding at Ganadalu in Mandya taluk.

The Police have recovered an Omni van, two motor-cycles and lethal weapons used for the murder, from them. Harish is said to have had a run-in with the group of miscreants over an issue about a month ago and this led to his murder, according to Police.

The nabbing operation was carried out by Srirangapatna CPI D. Yogesh, PSIs Girish, Naveen Gowda and Shivamanju and staff Narayana, Vijay Kumar, Chikkaiah, Srinivasmurthy, Arun Kumar, Anand, Ravish, Krishna Shetty, Siddaraju, Zabiulla, Ravikirana and Lokesh, under the guidance of Mandya SP K. Parashuram, ASP Dhananjaya and Dy.SP Arun Nagegowda.

Land grabbing and encroachments

MUDA to form Task Force

H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru, Nov. 7- In an attempt to stop illegal acts such as land grabbing and encroachments, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), at its Council Meeting held yesterday, decided to constitute a Task Force to safeguard all its properties and land holdings.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that it has been found that MUDA lands have been encroached upon in several cases, while in some other cases, illegal buildings have come up on its lands. Besides, MUDA has been receiving numerous complaints on fake land/ site records. As such, it has been decided to constitute a Task Force comprising Police personnel, on the lines of the one at Bengaluru's Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), to safeguard all MUDA properties from encroachments and grabbing, he said.

Continuing, Rajeev said that the meeting also discussed the issue of payment of dues to land owners who parted with their land for formation of layouts. "The plan of forming layouts on a 50:50 ratio with land owners was also discussed at length, during which MUDA members came up with their own opinions and suggestions. Apart from this, the issue of Group Housing Schemes aimed at providing shelter at affordable rates to the needy too was discussed," he said and added that the meeting approved 104 out of the 401 subjects that were on the agenda.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra, Tanveer Sait, S.A. Ramdas, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and B. Harshavardhan, MLCs R. Dharmasena and Marithibbegowda, MUDA Commissioner D.B. Natesh and other officials were present at the meeting.

Home Minister moots formation of exclusive SDRF Unit for Mysuru-Kodagu districts

Basavaraj Bommai

Madikeri, Nov. 7- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that as Mysuru and Kodagu districts are repeatedly facing natural calamities over the past few years, it has been decided to form a SDRF (State Disaster Response Force) unit that is specific to the two districts.

He was speaking to press persons after holding a meeting at Kodagu SP office at Madikeri yesterday.

Pointing out that Kodagu SP has been directed to submit a proposal in this regard, Bommai said that the exclusive unit will help in immediately responding to the disasters and crisis caused by natural calamities.

Referring to the issue of Naxalites, the Home Minister said that the Police Department has taken all precautionary measures in the border districts for curbing Naxal menace. Noting that it has been planned to set up more Anti-Naxal posts, he said that the Home Ministry has approved other plans for tackling the menace.

Bommai said that he is in touch with the Chief Minister, Home Minister and the District Minister for payment of higher compensation to those who died of elephant trampling in Kodagu district.

Stating that the Police Department has taken all measures for putting an end to drug peddling, he also said that the Police have been asked to keep a higher vigil on illegal cattle transportation, especially in the border districts.

Replying to a query on Police vacancies, he said that there are many vacancies at the lower level and it has been planned to fill up 70 percent of the vacancies this year and the rest in next year.

Stressing on the need for the Police to be in constant touch with the people as Kodagu is a hilly district, with scattered location of houses, he said that the Police have been asked to curb all sorts of crimes in the district.

He lauded Kodagu Police for their job during floods and in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar, Kodagu SP Kshama Mishra, Dy.SPs Dinesh Kumar, Shailendra and Jayakumar and other Policemen were present.

Senior Journalist ends life at Chamarajanagar

Suresh

Chamarajanagar, Nov.7- Reportedly depressed over his failing health, a 52-year-old senior journalist ended his life by consuming pesticide here yesterday.

Suresh (52), who was working for a private TV Channel as Chamarajanagar district reporter and was residing at Doddarayapete in the taluk, is the deceased.

Suresh was said to be suffering from chronic lung ailments and was undergoing treatment for the same at a hospital. But depressed over his ailment, Suresh consumed poison at his residence on Friday morning following which he was rushed to the District Hospital, from where he was shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru. But he breathed his last Late on Friday after failing to respond to the treatment, it is learnt.

Suresh leaves behind his wife and two sons. Last rites were performed at his native place Doddarayapete this afternoon, according to family sources.

VOICE OF THE READER

Deteriorating civic amenities in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage

Sir,

Most of the main roads in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage (in and around) are in pathetic conditions. While few interior roads were asphalted recently, the main roads (High Tension road, Kannada Sahitya Parishat road, Water Tank road, and other main roads) are unmotorable.

These roads provide main connectivity to many other areas and the traffic is growing by the day. Footpaths have vanished near Water Tank area due to unmindful parking and some establishments acquiring the areas for business purposes. There are numerous messages by residents appearing even in *SOM* but all falling on deaf ears, probably. Garbage menace in on the rise, especially in secluded areas (near Vidyavardhaka Engineering College) where people are dumping garbage mindlessly, the overpopulated stray dogs of the area add to the woes of the residents.

Overgrown trees on Kannada Sahitya Parishat road cover almost one fourth of the road. It seems like the area is really neglected by the elected representatives. Anyone hearing?

—Name withheld on request
Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
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Valedictory of KSOU online coaching classes on Nov. 9

Dr. Chandragupta

Mysuru, Nov. 7- The valedictory of the 50-day online coaching classes for competitive exams conducted by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Mysuru, will take place at 11 am on Nov. 9.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta will be the guest of honour.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar will release *'Mukta Bhandara'*, a 206-page study book on the occasion.

Yelandur Tahsildar B.K. Sudarshan will speak on the topic 'Final preparations for exams'.

Canara Bank, Mysuru Zone Deputy General Manager I. Panduranga Mitantaya and KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi will be the chief guests, according to a press release.

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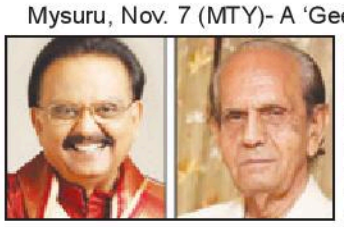

SPB *Rajan*

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (MTY)- A 'Geetha Namana' programme titled '101 Kalavidara Noorondu Geethegalu' has been organised at Kalamandira in city on Nov. 9 (Monday) from 8 am to 8.30 pm, in memory of late singer Dr. S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) and music director Rajan.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Singer Ravi Santosh said that Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru City and District Unit and Ravi Santu Balaga have jointly organised the event.

Music Director V. Manohar, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bengaluru City District President Mayanna, writer K. Kalyan and playback singer Manasa Holla will be among the attendees. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, Kalamandira auditorium can be filled only to the half of its capacity.

Artistes Sinchana, Shankar Simha, Raju Buddi, TVS Kumar, Srikanta, Sundaresh, Naveen, Prasanna, Devu and Bhanuprakash were present during the press meet.

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Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri inaugurating the automated 'Liquid Handling System' at K.R. Hospital Lab last evening as MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj looks on.

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MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said the new medical equipment has been installed in K.R. Hospital Laboratory for testing the swab collected from the citizens.

The advantage of this equipment is zero human intervention. It offers powerful and intelligent liquid handling that adapts to changing situations. From its easy-to-use-icon-driven software and available application methods to its enhanced work surface with interchangeable tools, it is designed to help work-flow and automate laboratory, he said.

This equipment can handle 96 tests in two hours and give results soon. In a day, it can handle 1,200 tests. Presently, around 2,000 tests were handled at K.R. Hospital Lab and another 1,200 tests at CFTRI Lab. With the installation of new equipment, an additional 1,200 to 1,500 tests could be done and give results at the earliest, he said adding that this facility has now avoided sending samples to Bengaluru Laboratories which were taking a minimum of five to six days to give results. DC Rohini Sindhuri has asked to ramp up the number of tests to 4,000 per day, the Director said.

Dr. Nanjaraj said application engineers have installed this equipment and had given training to the laboratory technical staff. Besides, 10,000 testing kits had been given to them.

Green Crackers?

Officials in a quandary

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STALL WORKS RESUME

The work on putting up the stalls at J.K. Grounds near the Railway Station in City, which had been temporarily put on hold awaiting official orders from the State Government, resumed this morning. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities have decided not to give permission to sell firecrackers across the city till they get official notification from the State Government.

"They (traders) may have put up the stalls but they are not allowed to sell crackers till we give them permission. Action will be initiated against those who defy the orders. Till we get the official notification nothing can be done," MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said without mincing words.

ALL ARE GREEN CRACKERS

When *SOM* contacted Manikantha, owner of 'Pataki Mane' in Hebbal, Mysuru, said whatever firecrackers being manufactured in the last three years are green crackers. In 2018, the Supreme Court banned the usage of traditional fireworks, which resulted in the closure of the entire firework industry.

In order to reduce the number of job losses, the Government of India (GoI) came up with a novel idea of eco-friendly crackers. The green crackers are environment-friendly that contain a lesser amount of harmful chemicals and cause less pollution. As the name suggests, they are less harmful as compared to conventional fireworks, he said.

According to him, in green crackers, commonly used chemicals like Aluminum, Barium, Potassium Nitrate and Carbon are removed or sharply reduced so that the emission comes down by 15 per cent to 30 per cent. The GoI has issued guidelines to all leading cracker manufacturing companies to use only certain chemicals that would emit less smoke than the conventional fireworks and cause less pollution.

Accordingly, all firecrackers were strictly adhering to the Government specification. But it was very difficult to say whether small or medium scale cracker manufacturing units use only the GoI recommended chemicals, he added.

Manikantha said COVID-19 pandemic has flattened the firecracker business across the country. Between this, the Government of Karnataka is changing its statements on the ban of firecrackers causing confusion among traders. In fact, this is the last biggest festival for the Hindus in the current year. Since people have not celebrated any major festival since March, it is the only occasion to celebrate and say goodbye to 2020, he added.

File photo of Union Minister for Science and Technology, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan launching a set of green crackers developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in New Delhi last year for a cleaner, greener and healthier Deepavali.

Speciality of Green Crackers

- Green crackers, developed by scientists at CSIR and NEERI (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute) do not contain banned chemicals such as lithium and arsenic, barium and lead.
- They are called Safe Water Releaser (SWAS), Safe Thermite Cracker (STAR) and Safe Minimal Aluminium (SAFAL) crackers. Green crackers are designed to have 30 per cent less particulate matter. They do not release dust and only release water vapour. They are also less noisy than regular firecrackers.

All District Hospitals to get Post-COVID Care and Rehab Centres: Dr. Sudhakar

Recovered patients under scanner

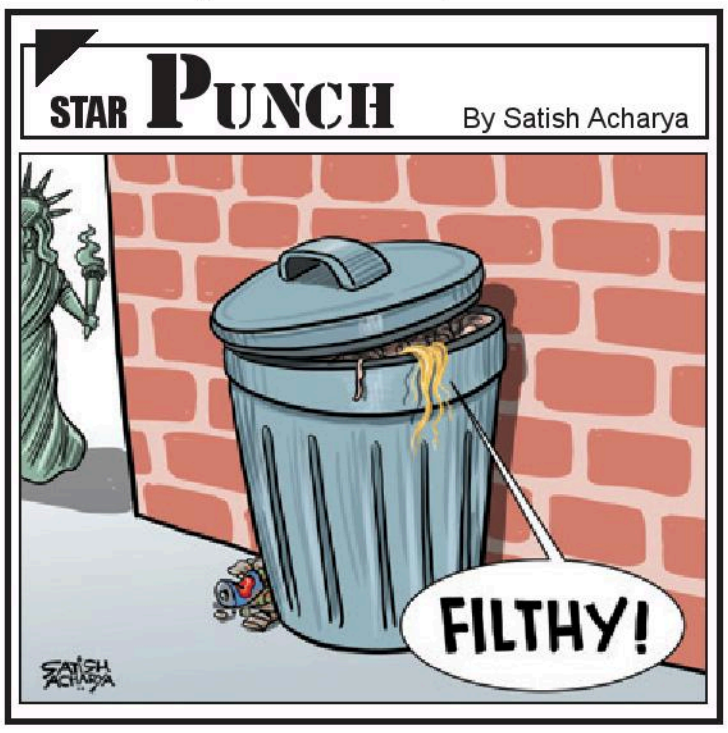
Bengaluru, Nov. 7 (SSV)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has said that the State Government has decided to open Post-COVID Care and Rehabilitation Centres in all District Hospitals soon.

Talking to media after chairing a meeting with members of Technical Advisory Committee and experts here recently, he said there is a need to take care of infected persons even after their recovery.

Bowring Hospital, Victoria and KC General Hospitals in Bengaluru will have Rehab Centres. Similarly, all District Hospitals too will have these centres and necessary infrastructure and staff will be provided once the committee submitted its report, he said.

The Minister said experts have opined that 5 per cent of people may contract the virus after recovery. Intensity of the infection will be less in those who had critical infection earlier. Similarly, those who had no symptoms during first time may face more problems during the second time. So, it was better for the recovered patients to follow guidelines.

"Some people are consuming pain killers if they have symptoms and staying at home, even if they have symptoms of other diseases. People should get tested themselves honestly. Those who have dental problems are hesitating to visit dentists. Govt. Hospitals have separate treatment for other diseases. People should not be scared to visit a Hospital in such conditions," Dr. Sudhakar noted. He said instructions have been given to study in detail and submit a report on COVID-related deaths. A study is also commissioned on re-infection in recovered patients. The report is expected soon, he added.



Scanner will certify whether the cracker is green or conventional: KSPCB

An officer of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) told *SOM* that they have a scanner that will certify whether the cracker is green or conventional by scanning the barcode printed on the boxes. Since the power to issue trade licence lies with the MCC and Commissionerate of Police, their role will begin thereafter. They have been given powers to visit every shop to examine the stock, whether it is as per guidelines of the State Government. An official notification is expected in two days, he added.

Electrical contractors stage protest in front of CESC office

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (PM&DM)- Urging CESC (Chamundeshwari Electrical Supply Corporation) to cancel the multi-crore tender process and to allot works on piece-work contract to local contractors after splitting the tender, electrical contractors, under the banner of Karnataka State Licenced Electrical Contractors Association, staged a demonstration in front of the CESC Head office in Vijayanagar Second Stage here yesterday.

Strongly opposing the CESC's tendering policy, where multi-crore works are awarded as wholesome, the contractors said that it is not correct on the part of CESC to invite wholesome tenders after aggregating small distribution and maintenance works.

Maintaining that they have been rendered jobless due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the protesters urged CESC to come to their rescue by cancelling the multi-crore tender. Urging the CESC authorities to split big tenders into small ones ranging from Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, the protesters claimed that CESC has no provisions for calling multi-crore tenders, after aggregating all minor works. They wanted CESC to immediately cancel the tender in the interests of small contractors who are associated with the power company for long.

Upon coming to know of the demonstration, CESC Managing Director Manohar M. Bevinamara arrived at the spot and spoke to the protesters.

Meeting on Nov. 12

Manohar Bevinamara assured that a meeting will be convened with the Association office-bearers on Nov. 12, during which all possible efforts will be made to address their demands, following which the protesters withdrew the demonstration.

Hundreds of electrical contractors from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts took part in the protest. Association former State Unit Vice-President C. Ramesh, present Mysuru District President Dharmaveera, Vice-President H.J. Raghavendra, Mandya District President Dinesh, Hassan District President Ramesh, Chamarajanagar District President Abdul Shariff and other office-bearers were present.

MDJA elections held: Results this evening

Mysuru, Nov. 7- The polling to elect the new office-bearers and Executive Committee of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) for a three-year term (2020-23) ended at 2 pm today.

The polling took place at Patharkartara Bhavan near Akkana Balaga School on Thyagaraja Road in city.

A total of 343 members of the Association, including 216 from the city and 127 from the district, were eligible to cast their ballots in the polls that began at 8 am today, with all COVID-19 protocols such as wearing of face masks, use of hand sanitisers, thermal screening and physical distancing in place.

More than 265 scribes had cast their votes by 12.30 pm.

The election was held for the posts of President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee for 2020-23.

The counting of votes will be taken up later this afternoon and the results will be announced by evening.

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Road cuttings, huge craters endanger lives of motorists

THEN AND NOW: ***A biker struggling to cross over the dug up road in Bannimantap. Picture right shows temporary restoration of the same road last evening.***

Mysuru, Nov.7 (SSV)- Which Department of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) must repair roads cut to lay water, underground telephone or power lines?

An enquiry done by *Star of Mysore* with various Departments of the Corporation revealed that it was none of their job but simply indulged in blame game. Any individual or Government agency has to take prior permission from local body to dig or cut the road and pay certain amount as road cutting charges.

Once the work is over it was the job of the local bodies concerned to fill the dug up road within the stipulated period.

But, this seems to be not happening in Mysuru as many dug up roads are left unfilled by the Corporation authorities. Recently, Jodi Tenginamara Road was dug up by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited to lay underground power line.

Even after one month, the dug up portion had not been filled up by the concerned. Last week, a girl riding a two-wheeler had a narrow escape, when she suddenly applied the brakes to avoid the dug up road that was not visible due to accumulation of sewerage water, and fell down. Such mishaps occur regularly due to negligence of road diggers.

Contractors responsible

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde clarified that it was true that the Corporation will collect road cutting charges from the agencies and individuals but it was their duty to restore roads immediately since it was not possible for the civic agency to do it. Recently, the Corporators expressed their ire against the CESC for non-restoration of dug up roads and have decided to levy penalty on the Company. The officers concerned were calculating the penalty which will be known in next ten days.

On individuals digging up roads, the Commissioner warned that the rules permit to cut drinking water supply connection to those who dug up roads unauthorisedly. Unfortunately, local Corporation officials were hand-in-glove with the area residents and do not insist on them to take permission from the Corporation. "We are going to take strong action against those citizens who defy rules", he added.

DANGER ZONE: ***Motorists have to risk their lives while travelling on Mysuru-Bannur road near Milk Dairy.***

Negligence unlimited

Vasanthkumar Mysoremath, a social activist and environmentalist held the contractors and the MCC responsible for unauthorised digging up of roads in the city. At the time of giving permission, the Corporation will collect road cutting charges and also ask the contractors to restore it as per specifications of National Road Congress. Unfortunately, the dug up roads are not restored once the work is over. This was happening for the long time as no action is taken against the contractors due to 'adjustment' between the Corporation officials and contractors.

A number of people have died while trying to avoid the water filled dug up roads in the city in the past. But no action has been taken against the guilty, he rued. Meanwhile, temporary patch works were taken up since yesterday to fill some of the road cuttings with mud and jelly stones. But this will not last long in view of intermittent rains, say the motorists.

Plug sewage flow

Another perennial problem on Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap is the flow of sewage water on the road inconveniencing the two-wheelers. The water remains stagnant in the dug up roads and pits.

Metal barricades placed to prevent people from falling into the pit near Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) in Bannimantap. Picture right shows patchwork being undertaken on Bogadi road adjacent to Kukkarahalli Lake in Saraswathipuram.

Jan Aushadhi Kendras to sell Ayurvedic medicines soon

Bengaluru, Nov.7 (SSV)- Ruling out permission to sell branded medicines at Jan Aushadhi Kendras (Generic Medical Shops), Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertiliser D.V. Sadananda Gowda (DVS) said ayurvedic medicines will be sold across the counter at very nominal rates in the coming days.

Speaking after virtual inauguration of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Regional Office in Hubballi, he said the BJP led NDA Government at the Centre was giving good quality medicine at discounts ranging from 10 per cent to 90 per cent. A Generic Medicine App was available which will not only help to find out the generic shops near them but also show in which shop a particular medicine with chemical composition and brand is available.

The Union Government has an ambitious plan to open 1,000 general medical shops across the State soon, he said.

DVS said while the cost of branded medicine for the common diseases like diabetes and blood sugar will cost Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 2,500, the same was available for Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 at Generic Medical Shops. Instruction had been given to all Government Hospitals and Medical Colleges to prescribe only generic medicines. This had already been discussed with Health and Medical Education Minister Dr.K.Sudhakar. Once this was launched in Government Hospitals it would automatically get publicity among people, he noted.

The Union Minister also read out a letter written by a citizen saying that he would spend Rs. 3,000 on buying medicine for his father every month but now the same medicine was available for just Rs.210 in Generic Medical Shops.

Co-operation Minister S.T.Somashekar said the Union Government has launched several programmes for the welfare of common people including the Jan Aushadhi Stores. Those programmes were being highlighted all over the State through Department of Co-operation.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Cassandra

Pronunciation: kuh-SAN-druh.
Meaning: A daughter of Priam endowed with the gift of prophecy but fated never to be believed; one that predicts misfortune or disaster.
Origin: The story of Cassandra comes from Greek mythology and is both tragic and ironic, as such myths tend to be. Cassandra was the daughter of Priam, the king of Troy. She caught the eye of the God Apollo, who was accustomed to getting what he wanted. He was amazed and displeased when she refused his romantic advances, and he became vengeful. He cursed Cassandra with a gift of prophecy with an especially cruel twist: he guaranteed that while she would always be right, no one would ever believe her predictions. Cassandra foretold the fall of Troy and other disastrous happenings, though she was ignored. Now, the label Cassandra is typically reserved for those who claim to see impending doom.
Example:"They have rented a huge, nearly empty 'furnished' house online and it is here that the story begins to focus. Here, in a remote location everyone's nightmares get worse. The villagers ... are Cassandras, implicitly warning of impending doom." — Stephen Schaefer

THE ODD WORD

Cacidrosis

Smelly sweat

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Close but no cigar

Meaning: To almost do something successfully, but not quite; nearing a success only to fall short at the end.

Origin: This phrase is believed to come from carnivals or fairs. Here's why:
Carnivals have many different games that can be played. Some of these games test the player's accuracy, while others are based more around strength. For example, you might be familiar with a classic game known as 'high striker.' It's a game where the player takes a mallet and swings it at a target on the ground. If the target is hit hard enough, a metallic object rises up and rings a bell at the top, meaning the player has won. Usually, fair games have prizes that are handed out to the winners. The most common prizes include things like large stuffed animals or other kinds of toys. Now, here's the point: Apparently, there was a time during the 20th century where cigars were among the prizes that could be won. If this is true, then you can picture the person in charge of a carnival game shouting 'close, but no cigar' to the players who were just shy of winning the prize. This phrase goes back to at least 1934. It appears in writing during that year in a Pennsylvania newspaper called the Chester Times: "An unseen pedestrian loomed before their headlights, narrowly dodged the sliding wheels. 'Close, but no cigar,' the lieutenant shouted."

QUOTE BOX

Smoking is indispensable if one has nothing to kiss.— **Sigmund Freud**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: All hands on deck.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	3	1	2	4	8	6	5
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4	1	2	9	5	8	3	7	6
3	8	5	2	7	6	1	9	4
6	7	9	4	1	3	5	2	8
8	4	6	5	9	1	2	3	7
5	2	1	3	4	7	6	8	9
9	3	7	8	6	2	4	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
5 ___ a bet : deposited as a wager?
9 Owner Requirements Table
12 Samoan Port
13 Having the capacity
14 Greek letter
15 Mark or symbol
16 Centre of a dartboard
18 Cuts with an axe
20 Large rooms or buildings for meetings
21 More fitting
22 Trivial lie
23 Author of The Raven
24 Eve's boy
27 At the drop of _ __ (1,3)
31 We ___ with our eyes?
32 Bollywood's __ Bajpai
34 Estimatedtimeofarrival,inshort
35 Ever present as a prefix
37 Dancer type (2-2)
38 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
39 Karl Marx's ___ Kapital
41 Spring month
43 Egg shapes
46 Fastener of sorts (1-4)
47 Driven back
50 Strongly audible or noisy
52 Number of years in existence
53 The Indian god of fire
54 "Dole"outforaveinofmetalore
55 Slack or loose
56 Clear of costs
57 "Seem" anagram for a type of a duck?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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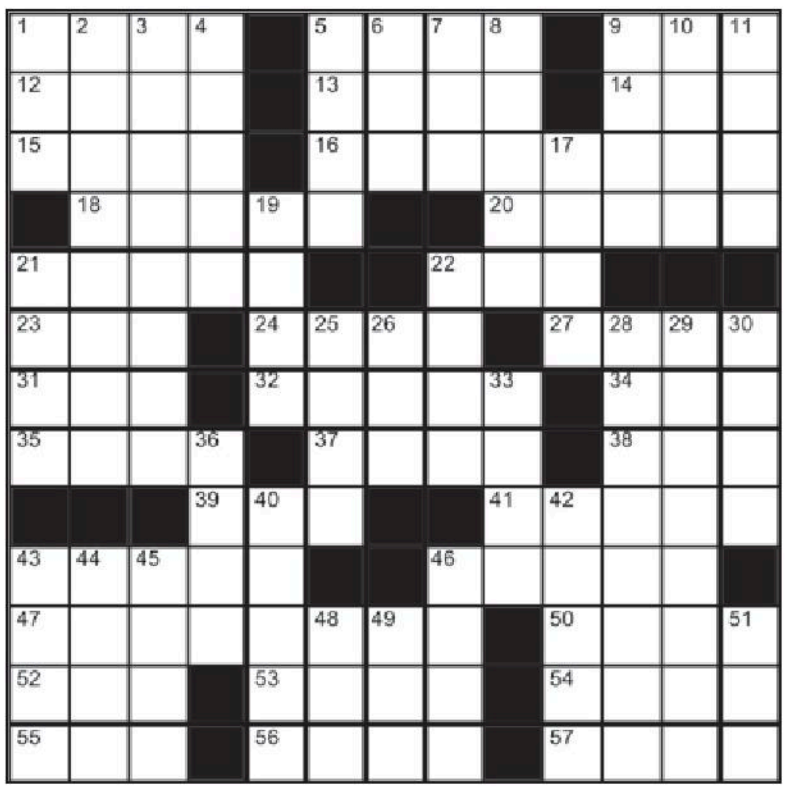
DOWN

1 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
2 Major work of a versifier - Iliad for one? (4,4)
3 Two less than a score
4 Paddle your own ____ : do it yourself?
5 Experiment rooms in schools, abbr.
6 Rajasthan's Mount ____
7 Sick;
8 Our capital New ___
9 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
10 Welsh resort
11 You have five on each foot
17 Antilles island
19 Baby carriage
21 Furry dog Lhasa ____
22 Sell or whip
25 By __ full : in large quantities?
26 Rock musician Brian
28 Inherited item
29 Stand or posture; position
30 Chinese weight - "late" change?
33 David's army leader
36 Doing nothing
40 LionofNarnia-"Alan's"anagram?
42 Elections
43 Of the mouth
44 "Gave" turn to a star?
45 Summit
46 Playback singer ___ Narayan
48 Large, abbr.
49 Tolkien's tree like creature
51 Scottish river



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

I CNK NE KWAJH, SJNSCJ PNV'K BVNO OLIK KLJZ

OIVK GVKWC ZNG HLNO WK KN KLJA

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Men are equal; it is not birth but virtue that makes the difference.

SRH eliminates RCB
to take on DC in Qualifier-2

Abu Dhabi, Nov. 7- Jason Holder enjoyed a fine outing with the ball and bat while Kane Williamson scored a fine 50* as Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) set up a Qualifier-2 clash with Delhi Capitals (DC) after beating Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by six wickets in Eliminator of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Kane Williamson scored his 14th IPL half-century to help SRH get across the line, after being handed a target of 132 runs. Williamson received support from Jason Holder who stepped in with a fine cameo down the order.

Mohammed Siraj was the pick of the bowlers, accounting for two wickets.

Earlier, RCB posted a total of 131 runs for loss of seven wickets in 20 overs, after being sent in to bat. South African batsman AB de Villiers was the highest run-scorer, scoring 56 runs off 43 deliveries. De Villiers' knock comprised of five boundaries.

The wicketkeeper-batsman received support from Australian opener Aaron Finch who chipped in with a 30-ball 32. None of the other batsmen managed to make an impact, with skipper Virat Kohli dismissed for just 6. Holder was the highest wicket-taker, accounting for three dismissals.

BRIEF SCORES

SRH: 132/4 (Kane Williamson 50*, Jason Holder 24*; Mohammed Siraj 2/28) beat **RCB:** 131/7 (AB de Villiers 56, Aaron Finch 32; Jason Holder 3/25) by six wickets.

IPL 2020 Play-offs

Tomorrow's Match (NOV. 8)
QUALIFIER-2
DC Vs **SRH**
Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tuesday's Match (NOV. 10)
FINAL
MI Vs **Winner of Qualifier-2**
Dubai Intl. Stadium Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result
ELIMINATOR
RCB 131/7 (20 Overs) lose to **SRH 132/4 (19.4 Overs)**

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Trailblazers beat Velocity

Sharjah, Nov. 7- Sophie Ecclestone, Jhulan Goswami and Rajeshwari Gayakwad shared the spoils as Trailblazers beat Velocity in the second match of the Women's T20 Challenge in Sharjah on Thursday.

Velocity, who were coming into this match on the back of their five-wicket win against Supernovas, elected to bat against Trailblazers. Trailblazers came all out all guns blazing as Jhulan Goswami and Sophie Ecclestone ran through Velocity's batting order, reducing them to 22/5 at the end of the powerplay.

Goswami set the ball rolling for Trailblazer as she disturbed the timber to dismiss Shafali Verma in the third over. Ecclestone then scalped two big wickets in the fourth over, as she got Mithali Raj and Veda Krishnamurthy on successive deliveries.

Goswami picked her second wicket in the match in her next over after Smriti Mandhana completed an easy catch at mid-off to get Danielle Wyatt out for 3.

Rajeshwari Gayakwad joined the wicket-taking party in the ninth over as she struck on back-to-back deliveries, dismissing Sune Luus, who had scored a match-winning 37* against Supernovas, and Sushree Dibyadarshini.

While Shikha Pandey hit a couple of fours, she was run-out in the 12th over. Ecclestone then closed out Velocity's innings as she picked her fourth wicket, helping her side bowl out Velocity for 47.

In the chase, Trailblazer lost Mandhana as Leigh Kasperek struck in the fourth over.

However, Deandra Dotting, who scored 29* off 28, and Richa Ghosh, who remained not out on 13, put up an unbroken 37-run stand to take the team home.

BRIEF SCORES

Trailblazers: 49/1 (Deandra Dottin 29*, Richa Ghosh 13; Leigh Kasperek 1/5) beat **Velocity:** 47/10 (Shafali Verma 13, Leigh Kasperek 11*; Sophie Ecclestone 4/9, Jhulan Goswami 2/13, Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/13) by nine wickets.

WOMEN'S T20 CHALLENGE

Today's Match (NOV. 7)
Trailblazers Vs **Supernovas**
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 8)

- **Priyadarshana Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna and Tara Printers, Mysuru:** Release of books — 'Prabodha', 'Rangaspanda' and 'Nelada Taregalu' — by Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, DC Rohini Sindhuri presides, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa and columnist N. Ravishankar chief guests, Kannada Development Authority Member Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadhwaj speaks about the books, Natana Rangashale Founder-Director Mandya Ramesh and writer and critic Vid. G.N. Bhatta will be present, Natana Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **10 am.**
- **Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha:** Distribution of scholarship, Senior Professional Engineer in Civil, Structural Engineering, Architectural Engineer and Valuer M.S. Vijayashankar chief guest, Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha President M.N. Jaiprakash presides, Kanti Mallanna's Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru and Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe:** Handing over of Ramagovinda Rangamandira built in the premises of Nrupathunga Kannada School and felicitation ceremony, Kannada Vikasa Vidya Samsthe President P. Mallesh, M. Jagannath Shenoi couple & M. Gopinath Shenoy couple will be present, M. Jayaram Patil comperes, **4 pm;** Sankalan - Traditional and Contemporary Dance by STEM Dance Kampni, Bengaluru, Nrupatunga Kannada Shale, Ramakrishnanagar E and F Block, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Online Meeting on 'Yoga for Health,' Ayurveda Physician and Yogacharya Dr. T.N. Manjunath will interact with public, [Visit: https://www.mygrapa.org/mgp-meeting-on-yoga-for-health/], **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150 or Mob: 98804-93867]
- **Natana Rangashale:** Staging of play 'Ushaharana,' written by Shantakavi (Sakkari Balacharya), directed by Dr. Sripada Bhat, Natana Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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Darbar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
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5 Adi 7 Angula (K)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Baahubali - The Beginning (H)	(S-2)	6 pm
Break The Silence The Movie (English Sub Title) (Korean)		
	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.30 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

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